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This report contains general observations made in the port of Odessa, USSR, regarding arrival and departure procedure, port facilities and installations, ships observed, repair and construction and aircraft observed.

2. Arrival and Departure Procedure -

The ship was met off the harbor proper by a motor boat carrying a pilot, a woman doctor and soldiers, of whom only the doctor and pilot boarded the ship. The pilot brought the ship into the main harbor through the east entrance and docked the ship at the north east pier of the Pratique Harbor. The usual search was conducted upon arrival and prior to departure. One tug stood by during the ship's arrival; two tugs rendered assistance during the departure because of strong winds.

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3. Port Facilities and Installations -

Through one crane of three tons capacity was seen on the dock, ship's cranes were used to transfer the cargo. A warehouse was seen on the pier in the vicinity of the ship having the following dimensions: 300 feet long by 50 feet wide; the structure was believed to be made of cement and had a corrugated roof. One 15 to 20 ton floating crane was seen in the harbor. On the second voyage 1000 tons of oranges were unloaded and placed in the above-mentioned warehouse.

4. Ships Observed

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Merchant -

Several Soviet ships (name unknown) were discharging coal, said to come from the Caspian Sea, in the Pratique Harbor. The Transylvania (Ru) and the Sessarabia (Ru) were also seen.

Naval - A 20,000 ton troop transport was berthed in the repairing basin; men were seen on board. A sail training ship about 300 feet in length was anchored outside the Cabotage Harbor.

5. Aircraft Observed - Some jet fighter aircraft were seen in the air. An airfield was believed to be located south of the harbor.6. Repair and Construction - Dredging operations were observed in the Cabotage Harbor and along the breakwater. A large warehouse, dimensions unknown, was under construction near the Custom House.

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